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: Koichi Okada

: METHOD FOR PRODUCING

: AROMATIC COMPOUND ISOMERS

Dated: December 22, 2004

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Official Action dated October 4, 2004, the Applicants amend the Application as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- _ No additional fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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